

Participants:

Colette Nic Aodha Colette Nic Aodha, a poet from Shrule, Co. Mayo, holds a degree in Irish and History from the National University of Ireland, Galway. She has published in English and Irish. She has just completed a masters in modern Irish at NUI Galway on the poet Raiftearaí. Her new book to be launched at the festival is 'Raiftearaí I gCeartlár a Dhaoine San Aonú hAois is Fiche. She lives in Galway with her three sons.'

Philip Casey Philip Casey has published four collections of poetry, including Dialogue in Fading Light (New Island Books, 2005), and three novels, The Fabulists (Lilliput 1994), The Water Star (Picador, 1991) and The Fisher Child (Picador, 2001). He is currently writing The Book of Rights – The Story of Irish Slavery and Servitude. He's a member of Aosdána and lives in Dublin (Websites are www.philipcasey.com, http://blog.philipcasey.com, www.irishwriters-online.com, and www.irishcultureguide.ie.)

Paul Casey Paul Casey was born in Cork, Ireland in 1968. He has lived in Europe and Africa working in film, multimedia and teaching. He began writing poetry in 1992 and has been reading and performing his work across Ireland and abroad since 2003. His poetry and reviews has been published in a number of Irish journals including THE SHOp, Revival, Cork Literary Review, Southword and Census. A chapbook of his longer poems, 'It's not All Bad' was published by Heaventree Press in May 2009. He is the founder and organiser of the weekly Ó Bhéal poetry event in Cork, where he also gives poetry workshops, makes films and organises poetry events.

Geraldine Mitchell Geraldine Mitchell is a Mayo-based writer who won the Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Award in 2008. A former teacher, she is also the author two novels for young people and a biography.

Terry McDonagh Terry McDonagh, poet and dramatist, has published four collections of poetry; a play; a book of letters and a novel and poetry for children. His work has been translated into Indonesian and German, funded by ILE. With piper Diarmaid Moynihan, he completes poet/piper duo, 'Raithneach'. Twelve of his poems have been put to music by German composer, Eberhard Reichel. His latest collection, Cill Aodáin & Nowhere Else illustrated by artist Sally McKenna, was published in 2008.

Louise Lawrence Louise Lawrence writes novels for the teenage market. She has had 32 books published during a career spanning 35 years – all being science-fiction or fantasy. Louise is a blow-in from England and has been living in Ireland since 1998.

Ger Reidy Ger Reidy, a native of Aughagower, is a short story writer and poet. His poetry collection, Pictures From A Reservation, was published in 1998. His next collection is due in the near future. He is the recipient of several poetry prizes and has read countrywide in Ireland. 'Ger Reidy's poetry is inspired by the untamed landscape of Mayo'...The Irish Times 'Reidy's poems are powerful, buried in the landscape of the west of Ireland'...Books Ireland.

Tony Reidy Tony Reidy is a songwriter whose themes include tales of informers, small town romance, dreamers, losers and clowns. "If at least one of these songs doesn't grow into lasting life, there's no justice." Sarah McQuaid "Hot Press" "Music for a messed-up Celtic Tiger? A lesson for those with a weakness for beauty when it's bruised." Clive Pownceby "The Living Tradition"

Joe Byrne Joe Byrne from Achadh Mór, is a musician, an avid and tireless collector of song and story and a popular bi-lingual presenter of his music, story and literary findings – Ceoil agus Ealain – on Midwest Radio at 10pm on Tuesdays – 'on the graveyard hour'...Joe's words! His latest project is his 12th CD – Ceoil agus Ealain – which includes music, lore, poetry, song and story, is a celebration of 20 years of his work with Midwest Radio.

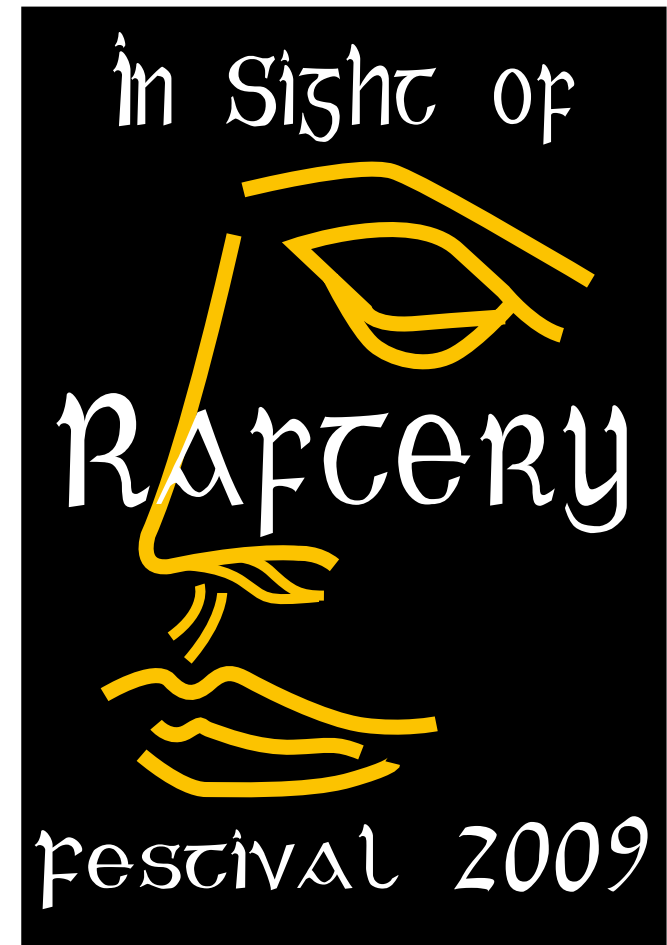


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Monday November 9th

to

Saturday November 14th



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Festival Programme November 9th to November 14th:

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6th

FESTIVAL Launch

7.30pm in the [Town Hall Theatre Gallery](#) ①



launch of

PEN & INK

WRITERS' MAGAZINE

featuring the work of the
Kiltimagh Writers

**OPENING OF EAST MAYO
ARTIST'S EXHIBITION**

Music and Song

Ceol agus Craic

by Ollie Burke and Mary McNicholas

DRINKS ON THE HOUSE



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

Morning: Outreach workshops in Kilkelly NS and St Louis Secodary School, Kiltimagh with poet, **Terry McDonagh**.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th

Morning: Outreach in Balla Secondary School with **Terry McDonagh**.

8.00pm: International author Louise Lawrence reads to Kiltimagh Bookclub in [Kiltimagh Library](#) ②

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th

Morning: Outreach in Balla NS with **Terry McDonagh**.

8.00pm: Booklaunch: "Raiftearaí I gCeartlár a Dhaoine San Aonú hAois is Fiche," (a bilingual evening on Raftery) by author, **Colette Nic Aodha**...introduced by **Joe Byrne** in [Cill Aodáin Hotel](#) ④

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12th

Morning: Outreach in Bohola NS with **Terry McDonagh**.

8-00pm: Open mic evening with Mayo poets music and much more in [The Electric Mouse](#) ⑥

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13th

Workshop with poet **Geraldine Mitchell** in [Kiltimagh National School](#)

Outreach in Craggah NS with **Terry McDonagh**.

8.00pm: Poet and novelist, **Philip Casey** and poet, **Paul Casey** read, in [The Electric Mouse](#) ⑥

Friday late... readings and music in [The Electric Mouse](#) ⑥ and [Kitty's](#) ⑤ Bring poems, songs and instruments.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th

11am to 12.30pm... a practical **workshop** on basic acting and presentation skills with poet and dramatist, **Terry McDonagh** in the [Town Hall Theatre](#) ①

2.30pm to 4.30pm: two **workshops:**

1) Rhythm in African Poetry with Cork poet, **Paul Casey** We will be taking a look at contemporary examples of African poetry, and at how to write through your own inner poetic rhythms, by connecting with those from the natural world and your everyday surroundings. in [Kiltimagh Library](#) ②

2) Reidy brothers: poet, **Ger** and singer/songwriter, **Tony**, present a workshop on the link between song, music and word in the [Town Hall Theatre](#) ①

8.00pm: Poetry Slam with €750 in prizes in [The Electric Mouse](#) ⑥

Book through website for participation in workshops and in Poetry Slam.

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